



66 Years of DX-cellence

April 2014



*"If you need him get
in there and work
him"*

The Southern California DX Club is a group of dedicated men and women active in the amateur radio community who enjoy communicating over the air with other radio amateurs around the world.

The SCDXC strongly supports the DX Code of Conduct. Please visit their website:

www.dx-code.org

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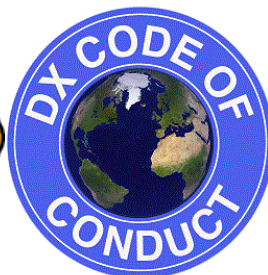
Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM except April, June and December.

Please check the club web site for events and details at:

<http://www.scdxc.org>

If you are in the area please say hello on our repeater:

W6AM/R145.48,(-) 100Hz PL



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A Message from the Convention Co-Chairmen

This year's Convention is hosted by the Southern California DX Club with the help of volunteers from the San Diego DX Club, the Central Arizona DX Association, and the Utah DX Association. On behalf of all those who spent many, many, hours planning this year's Convention, WELCOME to the 65th Annual International DX Convention.

Unlike many annual events the International DX Convention does not have a single organization planning the activities year after year. Rather the International DX Convention is organized and planned alternately by the Southern California DX Club one year and the Northern California DX Club the following year. The result is that each year the Convention is infused with fresh ideas and events while still offering the same high quality programming and activities you have come to expect and enjoy.

Our mission is to provide a place to make new DX friends and re-establish old DX friendships. Toward that end, this year there will be more tables and chairs available around the Convention Center where you sit, relax and reminisce with old friends and establish new ones.

In an effort to continually improve the registration process, again this year we offered both on-line registration and on-line Saturday banquet seating in addition to registration by mail.

Unfortunately, California Laws regulating Raffles no longer permits raffle ticket sales over the internet and so raffle ticket sales are only onsite. The same law requires that 90% of the gross profit from the raffle ticket sales be donated to California based, Not-For-Profit, Charitable Organizations thus greatly reducing the amount of ticket sales proceeds that can be used to fund raffle prizes and other Convention activities.

Again this year we have a full day's program on Friday. The DX University will open its door to "students" of every DX skill level Friday morning at 8:00 AM. The program will run until 5:00 PM Friday with a break for lunch from noon to 1:00 PM. The Contest Academy will provide two classes beginning at 8:00 AM and run until noon.

This year includes another first. Because many of you arrive Thursday, the Southern California DX Club will host a Wine, Cheese and Painting mixer in the ground floor Ballroom of the Marriott Hotel beginning at 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM.

We believe that this year's programs are outstanding and the prizes are better than ever before. We want to thank all the volunteers, vendors, prize donors, speakers, and Hotel staff that have helped make this year's Convention **better than ever**.

73 and CU in the pile ups.

Carl Gardenias – WU6D

Mel Hughes – K6SY

International DX Convention - 2014 Co-Chairmen

General Information

Saturday Banquet Table Reservations

All Banquet seating is assigned. If you did not reserve your seating via the Internet and have paid for Banquet Seating, please follow the signs in the Registration Lobby (see Convention Center Floor Plan page 66) to obtain your seating assignment. To reserve a group table you must present a list of the people in your party with their convention PayPal or post card reservation numbers. Please write your table number here:

Banquet Meal Tickets

Banquet attendees will receive a meal ticket with their choice of entrée. ***This ticket must be used for your banquet meal.*** Please write your assigned table number on the meal ticket and **bring the ticket with you** as you must present the ticket to the server to receive your meal.

Prize Tickets

Raffle tickets can be purchased in the Registration Lobby or from the roving ticket sellers during the convention. Raffle tickets will be drawn every two hours on Saturday from 1000 to 1600 hours; winners¹ will be announced and posted in the Registration Lobby. Major² and Grand Prize² drawings will be held at the Saturday Banquet and Sunday Breakfast. **REMEMBER to PRINT your FULL NAME and CALL on the back of each ticket stub before depositing them in the drum in the Exhibit Hall.** Hourly prizes must be claimed by Sunday, 1000 Hrs. Prizes may be substituted at the sole discretion of the SCDXC. ***Convention Committee Members are eligible to win any of the prizes.*** Those who Pre-registered received a separate door prize ticket for the Early Registration drawing to be deposited in the Pre-registration Barrel located in the Registration Lobby.

1. You do NOT need to be registered for the Convention to be eligible to win the hourly prizes but you must be present to win. Hourly prizes must be claimed by Sunday at 1000 Hrs. Prizes not claimed will revert back to the Southern California DX Club.

2. You MUST BE REGISTERED FOR THE CONVENTION to be eligible for the Saturday Banquet drawing prizes, the Sunday Breakfast drawing prizes, the "First Timer" prize and the "Youngest Attendee" prize. You do not need to be present. If not present, the prize(s) will be shipped to the address provided at the time of registration.

Exhibitors

Vendor displays and exhibits will be showcased in the Exhibit Hall Friday 1300-1700 and Saturday 0900-1700, with a special "Vendor & New Product Showcase" Saturday 0830-0915 in the Charter Oak Ballroom.

IDXC PATCHES

Patches commemorating the 65th International DX Convention are included in the registration package. A limited supply will be available for purchase in the Registration Lobby on a first- come, first-served basis.

K6V SPECIAL EVENT STATION

Special Event Station K6V is located in the Executive Lobby across from the Grand Board Room (QSL Card Checking) before the Eucalyptus Courtyard exit (see floor plan page 66). The station will consist of an Icom 7600, Expert Amp, M2 Rotor, a US Towers trailer, and a 3-element SteppIR antenna. **Guests are requested to complete a Convention QSL card for each contact made, including your name and call. Please leave the QSL card in the "Completed Card" container. Cards will be mail by the SCDXC at the conclusion of the Convention. No other logging is required.**

International DX Convention

65th Anniversary
Visalia, CA – April 4-6, 2014
Hosted by the Southern California DX Club



Activities begin Friday morning with both the DX University and the Contest Academy and run through Sunday noon; with a full line up of programs on Saturday with Vendors and Exhibitors Friday afternoon through Saturday at 5:00 PM.

Full registration includes Friday & Saturday Attitude Adjustment Hours, Saturday BBQ, Saturday Banquet, Sunday Breakfast, Convention Patch and Program Booklet.

Top Band, IOTA, and Contest dinners are scheduled for Friday evening.

Hotel rooms are still available at most sponsoring hotels. International visitors should contact Joe, K5KT, for assistance in obtaining a room (see Convention web site).

Vendors/Exhibitors should contact Cathy, K6VC.

Registration opens Saturday, January 25, 2014.
For complete details log on to
www.dxconvention.org

This year the Convention is being held April 4-6, 2014
at the beautiful
Visalia Convention Center



THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2014

Time	Event	Location
1930-2130	No Host Mixer - Wine, Cheese, & Painting (Instruction by artist Jennifer Doebling)	Marriott Hotel 1st Floor Ballroom

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2014

Time	Event	Location
0800-1200	Contest Academy: Session A - Advanced Topics	VCC San Joaquin Ballroom A/B
0800-1200	Contest Academy: Session B - Basic Techniques	VCC San Joaquin Ballroom C/D
0800-1200	DX University: Session A - Advanced Topics	Marriott Hotel 1st Floor Ballroom
1300-1700	DX University: Session B - Basic Techniques	Marriott Hotel 1st Floor Ballroom
0800	Convention Golf Tournament	Valley Oaks Golf Course, Visalia
1100-1700	Pre-registration pickup, Walk-in registration, Pick up Convention shirts	Convention Center Plaza Lobby
1100-1700	Raffle Ticket Sales (Deposit ticket stubs in drum in VCC Exhibit Hall after 1300)	VCC
1300-1700	Vendor Displays & Exhibits	VCC Exhibit Hall
1730-1830	Attitude Adjustment Hour Southern California DX Club and Individual Sponsors	VCC Eucalyptus Court-yard
1730-	IOTA No-Host Dinner	VCC Charter Oak Ballroom
1830-	Top Band Dinner	VCC San Joaquin Ballroom
TBD	Contest Dinner	TBD
TBD	NCCC Hospitality Room	TBD

	SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2014	
Time	Event	Location
0730-1700	No Host Food Concession Booth	VCC Hallway next to Exhibit Hall
0730-1700	Pre-registration pick up, Walk-in registration, Pick up Convention shirts	Convention Center Plaza Lobby
0730-1700	Raffle Ticket Sales (Deposit ticket stubs in drum in VCC Exhibit Hall after 0900)	VCC
0800-0805	Welcome: Wayne Spring - W6IRD, President SCDXC	VCC Charter Oak Ballroom
0805-0810	ARRL Introductions, Wayne Spring - W6IRD, President SCDXC	VCC Charter Oak Ballroom
0810-0820	Introductions of Foreign Visitors, Wayne Spring - W6IRD, President SCDXC	VCC Charter Oak Ballroom
0830-0915	Vendor and New Product Showcase, John Barcroft, K6AM	VCC Charter Oak Ballroom
0850~1630	Local Area Tour	Marriott Hotel Entrance
0900-1700	Vendor Displays and Exhibits Open	VCC Exhibit Hall
0930-1025	DX Forum - Wayne Mills, N7NG - Chair	VCC Charter Oak Ballroom
1000	Prize Drawing (You do not need to be registered to win)	VCC Exhibit Hall
1030-1125	Contest Forum - Ward Silver, N0AX - Chair	VCC Charter Oak Ballroom
1130-1230	BBQ Lunch	VCC Plaza Courtyard
1200	Prize Drawing (You do not need to be registered to win)	VCC Exhibit Hall
1230-1530	DXCC & WAZ Card Checking (Including 160M, 10 year +, deleted, WAS, VUCC, & WAZ)	VCC Grand Board Room
1300-1340	ARRL Update - Dick Norton, N6AA	VCC Charter Oak Ballroom
1300-1340	Navassa: Past, Present, Future - Randy Rowe, N0TG	VCC San Joaquin Ballroom

1345-1425	DXpedition IT, or How to Stay Connected - Paula Keezer, NX1P	VCC Charter Oak Ballroom
1345-1425	T33A: Banaba - Jay Kobelin, W2IJ	VCC San Joaquin Ballroom
1400	Prize Drawing (You do not need to be registered to win)	VCC Exhibit Hall
1430-1510	How to Blow Up Your Balun - Dean Straw, N6BV	VCC Charter Oak Ballroom
1430-1510	VU7AG: Lakshadweep - Krishna Kanakasapapathi, W4VKU	VCC San Joaquin Ballroom
1515-1555	WRTC 2014: An Overview and How It's Done - Doug Grant, K1DG	VCC Charter Oak Ballroom
1515-1555	XZ1J: Myanmar - Paul Ewing, N6PSE	VCC San Joaquin Ballroom

	SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2014	
1600	Prize Drawing (You do not need to be registered to win)	VCC Exhibit Hall
1600-1640	Software Defined Radio 101 - Greg Jurrens, K5GJ	VCC Charter Oak Ballroom
1600-1640	3DA0ET: Swaziland - Bob Hardie, W5UQ	VCC San Joaquin Ballroom
1730-1830	Attitude Adjustment Hour Southern California DX Club and Individual Sponsors	VCC Eucalyptus Courtyard
1900-2200	DX Convention Banquet & Awards Banquet Emcee: John Barcroft, K6AM <u>Keynote Speaker: Bob Allphin, K4UEE - Amsterdam Island</u> PRIZE DRAWINGS <i>You MUST BE REGISTERED for the Convention but need NOT be present to win.</i>	VCC South side of Exhibit Hall
2200-0000	NCCC Hospitality Room	TBD

	SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2014	
Time	Event	Location
0730-1000	DX Breakfast Buffet	VCC South side of Exhibit Hall
0830-	DX Breakfast Emcee: John Barcroft, K6AM <u>The San Diego DX Club Presents:</u> <i>"What's My Call?"</i> The DX version of TV's <i>"What's my Line?"</i> Hosted by John Barcroft, K6AM <u>Keynote Speaker: John Miller, K6MM - Wake Island</u> PRIZE DRAWINGS <u><i>You MUST BE REGISTERED for the Convention but need NOT be present to win.</i></u>	VCC South side of Exhibit

**SEE YOU NEXT
YEAR!**

Thursday, March 13, 2014



Mel Hughes, K6SY, IDXC co-chair, provided an IDXC update to the membership and encouraged everyone to attend the Wine, Cheese and Painting mixer in the ground floor Ballroom of the Marriott Hotel beginning at 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM.



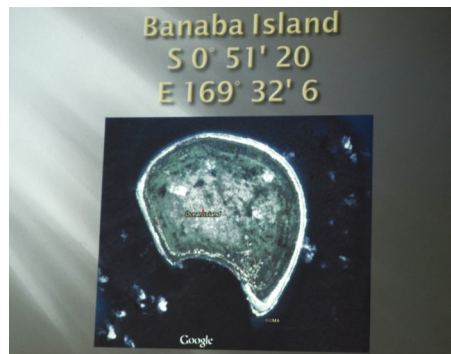
Wayne Spring, W6IRD, President, SCDXC



Co-chair Carl Gardenias WU6D



Reports were given from ARRL Section Managers Carl Gardenias, WU6D and David Greenhut N6HD



David Greenhut on the DXpedition to Banaba Island, T33A



Many of the club members helping with the IDXC posed for a group shot.

THE PREZ SEZ
Wayne Spring, W6IRD,
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Editor's Note:

I make every effort to finalize and upload the SCDXC newsletter on the 25th of each month. This issue is being uploaded on March 21st as I am flying to Oregon (very) early tomorrow, the 22nd to visit my son during spring break.

Unfortunately Wayne was not able to get his page completed in time for my early deadline. When I receive Wayne's copy for this page I will upload it, but not until after I return on March 27th.

73, Jerry, K6QU

Treasurer's Report

Club financial information is available on request. Contact the treasurer.

Officer Guidelines

The revised version of the Officers Guidelines is available on our website. See the hyperlink below.

Code of Conduct

SCDXC endorses the **DX Code of Conduct**
See the hyperlink below.

73, and Good DXing!
Wayne Spring, W6IRD



VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

George Jacob, N6VNI
Vice President – SCDXC
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It is once again time for another edition of the Vice President's article for the newsletter. To begin, I would like to thank all the members who attended dinner at Choices Restaurant before the meeting. Every month the number of members attending continues to grow. There were over twenty five members at the pre meeting dinner. There will be no dinner or meeting in the month of April due to the DX convention.

Dave Greenhut N6HD put together an excellent presentation about his participation to the island of Banaba DXpedition "T33A" Dave gave a brief history lesson about the island and the people who live there and then went on to tell about the logistics needed to get the supplies and manpower to the island, not an easy task. He also showed the living quarters and the DXpedition operation in action. Dave, thank you again, for your time and effort for being our guest speaker and for an excellent presentation.

The next SCDXC club meeting will be held on May 8th 2014. Our guest speaker will be Peter Zilliox K5PZ. Pete recently went on a business trip to South Africa. Pete also stayed at a wild-life preserve and operated as ZS/K5PZ. I have recently had opportunity to see some of Pete's photographs of God's creatures that Pete encountered on his trip. So please plan on attending dinner before the meeting at Choices Restaurant and then the meeting.

Planning ahead, the club picnic will be held on Sunday June 1st. at the same place, Woodley Park in Van Nuys back under the trees and near the restrooms.

We still need someone to host the summer bash. If you feel you would like to host the summer bash please contact, George N6VNI or Wayne W6IRD.
Hope to see you all at the convention in Visalia.

73, and Good DXing!
George Jacob, N6VNI
Vice President SCDXC

New DXer Resources

New DXers Handbook
http://www.udxa.org/attachments/148_New_DXers_Handbook.pdf



Editors Editorial

Jerry Lewine, K6QU, Editor – SCDXC Bulletin

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I'm not a good guitar player and had the good sense to quit after finally realizing I couldn't even stand to hear myself play. I'm a pretty crappy actor, too! I tried it and actually had a few lines in an embarrassingly bad made-for-TV movie which thankfully nobody I know watched.

But I'm a good ham. And I'm worried.

(Scenario 1) The thin gray line approaches, the headphones tightly clamping the sides of my head. I glance at the wall to my right to the aging framed certificates, to the QSLs on my left. All gone now. I turn up the gain and remember the pile-ups that used to be, the contests, the contacts, the friends. All gone now. I am the last DX'er.

Last month I made the case that DX'ing as we know it is doomed unless we, as DX'ers do something to promote DX'ing among younger hams.

At the SCDXC board meeting on March 1st, K6SY made the same case. "We need some new members. We need some younger members. Bring a ham you know to the next meeting." Alright, the quotes shouldn't be there – I'm paraphrasing, but you get the idea. I'm willing to be part of a team or committee that puts together a presentation for speakers to give at other (general interest) amateur radio clubs in the area on the joys of DX'ing (or some variation). I'm still working more-or-less full time and can't do it all myself. Any volunteers?

(Scenario 2) The last of the international broadcasters have finally switched to digital and effective this moment we now share the entire HF spectrum outside the defined ham bands only with diversity internet traffic! I feel like the hams of old must have felt when they first went QRV on the new WARC bands. What a great day for ham radio and an even better day for DX'ing!

Speaking of K6SY, as many of you know, Mel has announced that this convention will be the last he will co-chair. Mel has done a phenomenal job. He has worked tirelessly (alright, maybe he does get tired) and organized and motivated others and made their jobs easier under his guidance. This may be his last, but the skill set Mel has perfected will carry on to every IDXC the Club sponsors in the future.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all the most happy and joyous of April Fool's Days. See you at the IDXC in Visalia!

A man received the following text from his neighbor:

I am so sorry John. I've been riddled with guilt and I have to confess. I have been tapping your wife, day and night when you're not around. In fact, more than you. I'm not getting any at home, but that's no excuse.

I can no longer live with the guilt and I hope you will accept my sincerest apology with my promise that it won't happen again.

The man, anguished and betrayed, went into his bedroom, grabbed his gun, and without a word, shot his wife and killed her.

A few moments later, a second text came in:

Damned autocorrect. I meant "wifi", not "wife".



[DX Code of Conduct](http://www.dx-code.org/)

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A Guest Editorial from Mark Weiss K6FG



At the February meeting of SCDXC, Dennis (W6DQ) gave an excellent presentation on the earliest days of radio development. He pointed out that the major efforts in that development took place in the UK and the USA.

Since both the UK and the USA were strongly entrenched in the English (as opposed to the metric) system of measurement, how on earth did our bands get labeled in meters and not feet?

Purists might say that the metric system allows for easy conversion from wavelength to frequency because everyone knows the simple equation

$$\lambda f = 300$$

where λ is the wavelength in meters and f is the frequency in MHZ.

Well, if feet had been used instead of meters, then the formula would be expressed as

$$\lambda f = 1000$$

where λ is the wavelength in feet and f is the frequency in MHZ. (Actually, the "1000" should really be 1011.)

Further, the current "meters" designation is only approximate. As an example, 20 meters is only an approximation for 14 MHZ. $300 \div 14 = 21.43$ meters, not 20 meters. 20 meters is actually 15 MHZ.

So boys and girls, in using our old and friendly English system, 14 MHZ calculates to a 72-foot wavelength. Or, for convenience, 70 feet. Hence, the 70-foot band.

I propose, therefore, that our DX bands names be changed from the old meter system to the new and improved foot system.

OLD "METER" SYSTEM:

Frequency (MHz)	Calculated Meter Band (300/freq.)	Meter Band
1.8	166.66667	160
3.5	85.71429	80
4.0	75.00000	75
7.0	42.85714	40
10.1	29.70297	30
14.0	21.42857	20
18.1	16.57459	17
21.0	14.28571	15
24.9	12.04819	12
28.5	10.52632	10
50.0	6.00000	6

NEW & IMPROVED “FOOT” SYSTEM:

Freq. (MHz)	Calculated Foot Band (1011/freq)	Foot Band
1.8	561.66667	550
3.5	288.85714	300
4.0	252.75000	250
7.0	144.42857	150
10.1	100.09900	100
14.0	72.21428	70
18.1	55.85635	55
21.0	48.14285	50
24.9	40.60240	40
28.5	35.47368	35
50.0	20.22000	20

See you on 70 feet!

73, Mark, K6FG



Romantic Dinner

A man and a woman were having a quiet, romantic dinner in a fine restaurant.

They were gazing lovingly at each other and holding hands.

The waitress, taking another order at a table a few steps away, suddenly noticed the man slowly sliding down his chair and under the table, but the woman stared straight ahead. The waitress watched as the man slid all the way down his chair and out of sight under the table. Still, the woman stared straight ahead.

The waitress, thinking this behavior a bit risqué and that it might offend other diners, went over to the table and, tactfully, began by saying to the woman, "Pardon me, ma'am, but I think your husband just slid under the table."

The woman calmly looked up at her and said, "No, he didn't.

He just walked in the door."

Tidbits

Tidbit: *noun* \ˈtɪd-,bɪt\

1: a choice morsel of food

2: a choice or pleasing bit (as of information)

Field Checking of QSL Cards - by N6QQ and N6HC

QSL cards for new DXCC awards and endorsements may be checked by an approved DXCC Card Checker. This program applies to any DXCC award for an individual or station. Awards available can be found in Section I: Basic Rules, [Rule 1](#).

1) Entities Eligible for Field Checking:

With an exception for 160 meters, cards for all current and deleted entities dating back to November 15, 1945 can be checked. Cards for 160 Meters can only be checked by card checkers who currently hold an active 160 Meter DXCC. Check out the complete list of [DXCC 160 Meter Card Checkers](#).

CQ AWARDS

CQ Awards except 160 Meter WAZ, Digital WAZ, 6 Meter, Satellite, EME and 5BWAZ endorsements and new 5BWAZ applications with 170 or more zones.

Both Arnie, N6HC, and I can check cards.

If you live in Orange County, Arnie would be happy to check cards for both ARRL and CQ.

If like to contact me, call me at 562-404-1112 or n6qq@msn.com

THE CN TOWER

The CN Tower is a 553.33 m-high (1,815.4 ft) concrete communications and observation tower in Toronto, Ontario. It was completed in 1976, becoming the world's tallest free-standing structure and world's tallest tower at the time. It held both records for 34 years until the completion of Burj Khalifa and Canton Tower in 2010. It remains the tallest free-standing structure in the Western Hemisphere, a signature icon of Toronto's skyline and a symbol of Canada, attracting more than two million international visitors annually.

Its name "CN" originally referred to Canadian National, the railway company that built the tower. Following the railway's decision to divest non-core freight railway assets, prior to the company's privatization in 1995, it transferred the tower to the Canada Lands Company, a federal Crown corporation responsible for real estate development. Since the name *CN Tower* became common in daily usage, the abbreviation was eventually expanded to Canadian National Tower or Canada's National Tower. In 1995, the CN Tower was declared one of the modern Seven Wonders of the World by the American Society of Civil Engineers. It also belongs to the World Federation of Great Towers, where it holds second-place ranking.



Meet Urban Stuess

W6MPB

Born in Los Angeles, raised in Malibu and later Baldwin Hills, Urban became interested in radio when he was in elementary school but wasn't licensed until 42 years later! His parents met in medical school and his father urged Urban to become a surgeon like himself. Urban, however, "went my own way."

A UCLA graduate, Urban started off majoring in music, majoring in keyboard and musical theory and vocal performance.

His studies, however, were interrupted by the Viet Nam war. Urban joined the marines where he was a radioman. When he returned to UCLA he could no longer sing, his vocal cords having been damaged by exposure to agent orange so he changed his major to art design specializing in video. As Urban explained, "using video as an artistic tool." He eventually earned his BS in motion picture and television production. Continuing along that educational path, Urban's graduate work remained in motion picture production.



Urban's career path has changed, though. He raced cars and boats, flew aerobatics, and started and ran his medical management company among other endeavors..

Urban says, "I've played with radios all my life. I think my addiction to electricity began when I was about 18 months old when I licked the cloth-insulated wiring leading to some Christmas lights and it knocked me unconscious. So eventually I returned to my first love and became an electrical contractor."

With a passion for older radios, Urban spends much of his spare time re-



building them. In the picture above, Urban displays his current project, a Fairbanks-Morse model 8AT8 from about 1938.

The pictures to the right are some of his other current and future restoration projects.

Urban explains his callsign, "The W6MPB call sign was at one time issued to Audubon Jr. High School (Los Angeles) where, in



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1960, I was first introduced to Amateur Radio by WA6SLF (now AH6IX)." An active member of the Society of Broadcast Engineers, he is treasurer of chapter 47.

When not doing electrical contracting work, working on his house or doing something involving ham radio, Urban has a unique hobby for this area: He grows pineapples!

Appropriate for April Fool's day, Urban is lucky enough to have a computer that claims to never become obsolete. Check out the specs on this baby!

Urban claims to be easy to find on the air, easily recognizable as "the slowest straight key on the planet."



THE 2014 AMSTERDAM ISLAND DXPEDITION

– a most memorable experience

Arnie Shatz, N6HC



On January 14, 2014 a team of 14 very experienced DXpeditioners departed Fremantle, Western Australia on the RV Braveheart for a nine day 1900 mile nautical mile passage to Amsterdam Island in the southern Indian Ocean. The team consisted of ten North Americans, one South American and three Europeans. The countries represented were the United States (New Jersey, Ohio, Georgia, Illinois, Minnesota, California), Canada, Martinique, Colombia, Norway, Russia and Tajikistan. We planned to activate Amsterdam Island for the first time since 1998. The island ranked in the top five of most wanted entities for DXCC. Ralph Fedor, K0IR, had spent over two years organizing this trip to make it one of the most successful DXpeditions in recent memory.



The Northern Corridor Radio Group consisting of members from Perth and the surrounding areas proved to be an invaluable resource to the project. They provided transportation from the airport, hosted two BBQs and loaned us multiple aluminum tower sections for our Yagi antennas.

The crew of five plus our ship Captain, Matt Jolly, worked tirelessly to ready the boat for our journey. It quickly became clear that our team was really twenty strong as the crew was completely committed to making our endeavor a successful one. They did a lot of the heavy lifting and made sure that we were comfortable and safe for our passage. The Indian Ocean was not so thoughtful and made our journey somewhat uncomfortable for several days. We passed the time operating maritime mobile as VK6FZM, read books, did crossword and Sudoku puzzles, watched DVDs and clung tightly to our bunks during heavy seas. We came to know each other very well over those nine days.

We arrived at the island on January 23, 2014 and the following day began transferring our equipment to the island by Zodiac. The French inhabitants were extremely helpful with this task and efficiently allocated the offloaded equipment to the appropriate station sites using a fork-lift, tractor and trailer. We didn't know what to expect from the twenty resident islanders but our trepidation was quickly allayed. We saw nothing but smiles and a can-do attitude that made it clear that our team had grown again this time to forty strong. After a brief orientation, we split up into two radio teams and went to our respective work sites...either the lower Mataf site about 76 feet above sea level and a half mile from the Martin de Vivies base or the upper Antonelli site about 650 feet above sea level with a two mile hike from the base and uphill through very rough terrain. It took us a couple of days to assemble the antennas and stations, erect the antennas, establish generator power and network our computers.

At both sites we used three element monoband Yagis on 10, 12, 15, 17 and 20 meters, single element vertical antennas for 30, 40 and 80 meters and an EY8MM "special" 160 meter top loaded vertical only at the Antonelli site. The Yagis were rotated manually by the "Armstrong" method. The transceivers were Elecraft K3s driving either OM Power OM-2000 or Elecraft KPA-500 amplifiers. Several of the transceivers had auxiliary Elecraft panadapters. The interfaces were by W3YY, the band pass filters were individual ICE models in the shack and 4O3A high power models at the tower base. We used N1MM logging software and the MMTTY engine for radio teletype. There were three 6000 watt generators at each site and the Braveheart crew maintained the generators throughout the operation. Corporate sponsorship was generous and without their support this operation would have been impossible. FT5ZM hit the airwaves on January 26, 2014 to humongous pile-ups. Those pile-ups never abated. When we closed the operation on February 12, 2014 the pile-ups were still humongous. In spite of meticulous planning, several obstacles were encountered. The terrain between Antonelli and Mataf made networking of both sites problematic. Some of the computer power supplies were RF noisy making it difficult to operate on some bands. After one week of operation, we found that our 40 and 80 meter operation from Mataf was interfering with the geomagnetic monitoring that the resident scientists were carrying out; we had to shut down 40 and 80 meter operation from Mataf.



During the day, we were serenaded by the island seals and their calves who clamored for their next meal. There were thousands of seals that called Amsterdam their home. At night they came out of the ocean to nestle in the thick clumps of grass which were interspersed with large lava rocks. They had no fear of humans and, if approached, could become very aggressive. Our French host required us to agree not to travel at dark from our operating shacks. It was dangerous at Mafaf because we might find a family of seals in the brush around our towers; seal bites can be very nasty. It was dangerous at Antonelli because the two mile hike to base was over uneven and perilous terrain. The only way to abide with this constraint was to have 12 or 24 hour shifts. There were three bunk beds at each site so it was possible to catch a quick nap if one was necessary. Small "kitchens" were set up at each site so a meal could be enjoyed if anyone needed a snack or drink.

We were treated royally at Martin de Vivies base. We were housed in a dormitory with two to a room. We had flush toilets, warm showers and comfortable bunk beds. We had use of the local laundry facilities and internet, although our connection rate was painfully slow and we had to use French keyboards! The biggest surprise was the gourmet food that we enjoyed. Breakfast was from 6:30 AM to 9:00 AM and was continental with a choice of fruit, fruit juices, hot chocolate, coffee or tea, cold cereal and warm baguettes with butter, margarine or jam. Lunch and dinner were a different matter altogether. We were treated to fresh fish, lobster, sausage, beef or chicken, salads, vegetables, rice, French fries (frites), pasta and delicious sauces to dress up the already yummy feast. Dessert consisted of various choices of cheeses, cakes and pastries and even ice cream sundaes with chocolate and whipped cream toppings. With each meal there was a choice of beverage which included French wine. No one suffered malnutrition on Amsterdam Island!



There was also a small bar which served soft drinks, beer, wine and various liquors. No one suffered from thirst on Amsterdam Island, either! It was not unusual for the team to give Francis, the chef, a round of applause in appreciation of his delicious creations.

Our radio team was integrated into the French team at the Skua restaurant. We each performed at least once as "petit Marie" helping "grande Marie" clean the restaurant floor once daily and set and bus the tables for lunch and dinner. The eight K3 transceivers hummed for seventeen days churning out 170,000 QSOs. The breakdown by continent was 50% Europe, 25% North America, 22% Asia, and 3% Africa/South America and Oceania. The statistics by mode were 95,000 CW, 63,000 SSB and 12,000 RTTY. Our most productive bands were 10 meters (30,834), followed closely by 15 meters (28,237) and 20 meters (27,816). We worked DXCC on every band except 80 meters (96) and 160 meters (85).

There were over 36,000 unique calls in the log.

Unfortunately, we had to cease operation one day earlier than scheduled due to an approaching unfavorable weather front causing rough surf. Heavy seas would make it impossible to load the RV Braveheart. With a heavy heart, we departed the island and waved goodbye to our friends at the pier. The nine day transit back to Fremantle blessed us with six days of calm weather and only three more days of tossing and rolling. We were all glad to finally place our feet on solid ground on February 22. With our sea legs still under us and the ground "moving," we were graciously treated to another BBQ by the Northern Corridor Radio Group at their club station. The following evening our radio team started leaving the continent down under.

We will fondly remember the generosity of our Australian hosts, the graciousness of our French hosts and the comradeship of the Braveheart crew. gratefully thank our support team who helped at every step of the DXpedition. Lastly, we will never forget our radio team mates and what we accomplished together on this DXpedition. We hope you made it into the log and that you enjoyed our adventure as much as we did.

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CONTESTS

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SP-DX Contest CW/SSB - Apr 5-6

Good starter contest - if you are not driving to Visalia

JIDX CW Contest - Apr 12-13

Yes, you need more JA's - lots of activity

SP DX RTTY Contest - Apr 26-27

Get you feet wet, work more RTTY Q's

10-10 International Digital Contest - Apr 26-27

Yes Digital, however mostly PSK around 28.120 area.

State QSO Parties - Work MS, NM, MI, FL

Need more contest info ? go to this site: <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

Have you updated your QRZ location ?? Take a look at mine, and see if your would like to add more content.

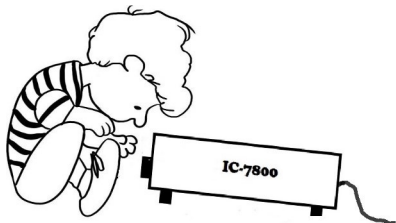
<http://www.qrz.com/db/n6qq/>

See you at Visalia

73 John -- N6QQ

ARRL and CQ awards QSL checker

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Get Schroeder!

LET'S GET SCHROEDER CONTEST

2014 continues to be on a roll! In 78 days club members have worked 238 entities. Looking at last years standings we are a handful away from what was worked the whole year. Wait a minute! There are still 6 more entities that will show up before the next Visalia! Now are you sleeping on the job? This is it! It may be the last time in your life that 10 & 12 will be open worldwide. Even if it is not, considering the demographic, there may be darn few DX hams to work at the next peak! So get out there and have some fun!

Looking at the two top runners, N6QQ & NS6C are above 200 and there are nearly a dozen have worked DXCC!

2014 Get Schroeder Standings

Total Entities Worked by Members: 238

Rank	Call	Entities	Missed	-QQ	Uniques
1	N6QQ	220	18	0	4
2	NS6C	206	32	14	4
3	N6RV	192	46	28	0
4	WB6BFG	187	51	33	1
5	W6DR	156	82	64	1
6	K0OK	145	93	75	0
7	N6VNI	121	117	99	0
8	AC6DX	119	119	101	1
9	W6ENZ	117	121	103	0
10	W8DX	109	129	111	1
11	K6FG	104	134	116	1
12	N6GP	95	143	125	0
13	NK6A	95	143	125	0
14	KT6LA	92	146	128	0
15	ZL3TE	77	161	143	0
16	K7MY	58	180	162	1
17	K6DXA	48	190	172	0
18	WB6PSY	38	200	182	0
19	KK6FJQ	35	203	185	0
20	N6MXU	31	207	189	0
21	KR6C	29	209	191	0
22	KM6HB	25	213	195	1
23	NQ6L	20	218	200	0
24	W6VX	15	223	205	0
25	N6DHz	11	227	209	0
26	N6WIN	10	228	210	0
27	K6YUI	7	231	213	0
28	KD6HYN	6	232	214	0
29	W6MPB	1	237	219	0

SCDXC GET SCHRODER STANDINGS 2014

Rank	Call	160	80	60	40	30	20	17	15	12	10	6	Total	Slots	Years
1	N6QQ	5	29	0	105	63	175	106	159	94	167	1	220	904	57 yrs
2	NS6C	0	22	0	44	46	58	54	62	83	71	1	206	441	47 yrs
3	N6RV	6	19	0	83	7	128	24	122	36	122	3	192	550	46 yrs
4	WB6BFG	1	5	0	8	19	55	66	36	104	69	2	187	365	7 yrs
5	W6DR	23	56	0	106	13	116	11	111	5	105	0	156	546	34 yrs
6	K0OK	0	8	0	12	4	14	19	55	35	67	0	145	214	42 yrs
7	N6VNI	0	23	0	10	8	29	12	29	10	84	0	121	205	25 yrs
8	AC6DX	0	2	0	8	4	5	8	9	37	105	2	119	180	7 yrs
9	W6ENZ	0	11	0	26	9	27	22	17	54	48	3	117	217	40 yrs
10	W8DX	1	21	0	27	15	31	14	12	15	41	0	109	177	57 yrs
11	K6FG	2	7	0	19	13	21	16	8	53	41	5	104	185	58 yrs
12	N6GP	1	18	0	42	1	49	4	66	1	75	4	95	261	25 yrs
13	NK6A	0	0	0	18	1	45	3	63	1	81	0	95	212	33 yrs
14	KT6LA	0	14	0	18	0	32	0	78	0	64	0	92	206	8 yrs
15	ZL3TE	0	2	0	15	14	32	14	44	16	18	0	77	155	10 yrs
16	K7MY	0	0	0	3	1	16	4	41	5	35	0	58	105	37 yrs
17	K6DXA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	48	48	1 yrs
18	WB6PSY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	38	38	37 yrs
19	KK6FJQ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	34	34	1 yrs
20	N6MXU	2	4	0	6	4	5	5	4	11	8	0	31	49	28 yrs
21	KR6C	0	1	0	1	2	3	2	9	2	17	0	29	37	36 yrs
22	KM6HB	2	2	0	6	6	9	4	6	9	9	0	25	53	23 yrs
23	NQ6L	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	19	0	2	0	20	23	7 yrs
24	W6VX	2	3	0	3	2	5	2	6	5	5	0	15	33	35 yrs
25	N6DHz	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	1	2	3	0	11	13	26 yrs
26	N6WIN	2	3	0	4	0	7	0	7	0	6	0	10	29	25 yrs
27	K6YUI	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	2	1	0	7	7	54 yrs
28	KD6HYN	0	1	0	2	0	4	1	1	0	1	0	6	10	20 yrs
29	W6MPB	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	12 yrs

Column Description

- Rank: Position in the standings
- Call: If you do not know your call look for the one that seems familiar to you.
- Count: Number of DXCC entities worked this year.
- Short: Number of entities missed that others worked
- QQ: Difference in count between Call and N6QQ
- Unique: Entities only worked by that member

ClubLog Lifetime Standings

Here is the SCDXC DXCC Standings including deleted countries from ClubLog. Note that there are some who are not members and are not recognized for the award on the previous page. This could be rectified if someone took oversight of the list for SCDXC. Anyone Interested?

SCDXC DXCC STANDINGS 2014															
Rank	Call	160	80	60	40	30	20	17	15	12	10	6	Total	Slots	Years
1	K6YUI	128	200	0	311	305	362	330	341	304	316	12	365	2609	54 yrs
2	K6FG	144	236	0	328	326	351	331	338	311	323	31	355	2719	58 yrs
3	N6RV	64	153	0	264	89	341	117	307	64	265	74	355	1738	46 yrs
4	W8DX	38	246	0	332	297	347	319	329	255	305	6	352	2474	57 yrs
5	N6QQ	55	115	0	265	212	343	264	302	195	254	7	351	2012	57 yrs
6	WB6PSY	1	26	0	20	0	217	0	159	0	345	0	349	768	37 yrs
7	W6VX	163	250	0	317	295	344	329	319	298	309	9	347	2633	35 yrs
8	KR6C	128	129	0	204	163	300	206	252	159	161	1	343	1703	36 yrs
9	N6HY	126	198	3	293	279	332	302	298	240	246	23	341	2340	47 yrs
10	W6ENZ	3	80	0	251	216	296	259	250	247	199	5	339	1806	40 yrs
11	KM6HB	7	132	1	188	105	290	177	276	176	237	13	335	1602	23 yrs
12	AI6Z	14	178	0	230	238	265	245	240	247	215	0	329	1872	20 yrs
13	N6PE	74	90	0	158	49	277	146	234	104	175	6	328	1313	49 yrs
14	N6MXU	24	34	0	126	44	255	106	191	51	168	3	318	1002	28 yrs
15	NS6C	11	111	0	210	167	289	223	217	192	162	5	316	1587	47 yrs
16	AC6DX	28	127	1	238	128	298	210	226	183	239	6	312	1684	7 yrs
17	K0OK	8	131	0	193	144	212	198	202	178	172	6	311	1444	42 yrs
18	N6WIN	25	121	0	210	139	263	195	231	132	196	1	310	1513	25 yrs
19	W6DR	75	98	0	174	74	260	66	218	48	186	4	307	1203	34 yrs
20	WB6BFG	21	77	0	143	168	286	255	261	213	169	10	306	1603	7 yrs
21	AK6ZZ	3	20	1	78	0	191	92	157	66	107	17	290	732	4 yrs
22	N6GP	9	155	0	182	115	241	140	197	128	166	6	285	1339	25 yrs
23	N6VNI	4	51	0	118	61	250	177	209	159	172	6	285	1207	25 yrs
24	N6DHZ	3	91	1	97	6	224	105	166	82	199	14	283	988	26 yrs
25	ZL3TE	20	52	0	194	133	233	114	201	87	162	0	273	1196	10 yrs
26	KT6LA	0	60	0	121	15	192	113	206	52	158	0	264	917	8 yrs
27	W6YOO	17	35	1	88	105	165	104	107	69	74	2	255	767	39 yrs
28	NK6A	0	5	0	17	11	153	8	134	2	50	0	253	380	33 yrs
29	K7MY	0	11	0	62	23	184	112	162	75	112	4	252	745	37 yrs
30	W5DQ	8	35	0	86	12	198	42	162	13	99	8	244	663	35 yrs
31	NQ6L	0	5	0	30	0	124	2	104	1	27	2	171	295	7 yrs
32	NT6X	9	12	0	126	7	125	6	101	3	36	1	169	426	5 yrs
33	KC6TOD	0	4	0	16	1	84	17	38	9	31	0	166	200	3 yrs
34	KD6HYN	0	1	0	21	0	75	4	57	0	65	0	148	223	20 yrs
35	KE6BUH	0	0	0	3	0	35	19	28	16	81	0	148	182	2 yrs
36	YO9FMB	0	8	0	121	15	68	10	8	2	9	0	139	241	24 yrs
37	K7LA	1	5	1	13	0	69	30	89	23	34	0	131	265	14 yrs
38	K6NQY	0	1	0	6	0	61	31	56	25	35	2	127	217	5 yrs
39	K6DXA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	115	1	115	116	1 yrs
40	ZM3T	0	0	0	2	0	90	0	60	0	56	0	110	208	4 yrs
41	KK6FJQ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94	0	94	94	1 yrs
42	K6DSW	0	0	0	32	0	45	3	35	1	44	2	75	162	6 yrs
43	N6RRY	0	5	0	22	1	43	3	24	8	18	1	70	125	25 yrs
44	FR4NT	0	7	0	41	11	42	18	16	13	39	18	67	205	3 yrs
45	W6MPB	1	3	0	6	4	27	5	26	3	19	1	54	95	12 yrs

DX ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Celebrate the Successes of Our Fellow Members!

This month we had six updates to the standings. Even Jim, N6DHz, got in on the action! It is great to see several members adding significantly to their count.

Call	DXCC	WAZ
N6DHz	292 / 288	234 / 161
KT6LA	264 / 262	155 / 125
W6DOE	218 / 216	36 / 36
K6DJ	149 / 149	
WB6PJC	149 / 149	
K7LA	136 / 136	111 / 84

SCDXC WAZ and DXCC Standings (N6RV)

The first WAZ column is the confirmed zone count on 10 bands 160 - 6 (less 60 meters). The second column is the regular 5BWAZ confirmed count. The following are the codes that follow the two columns and indicate the awards:

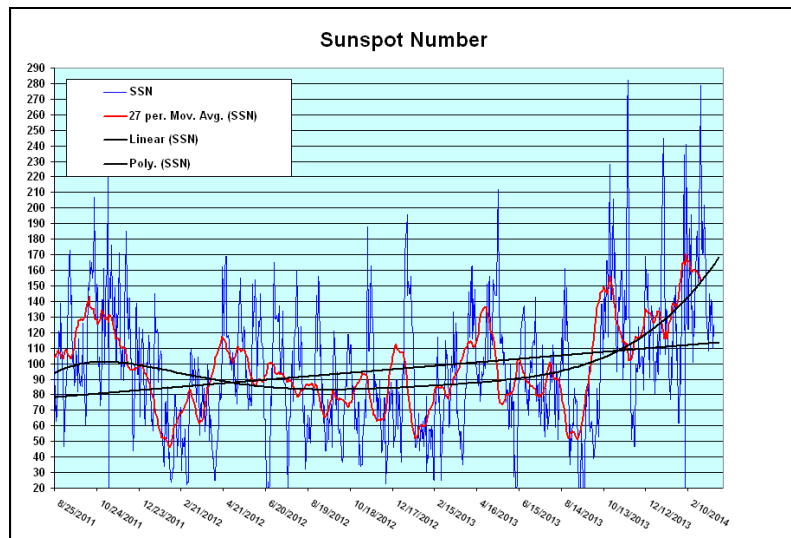
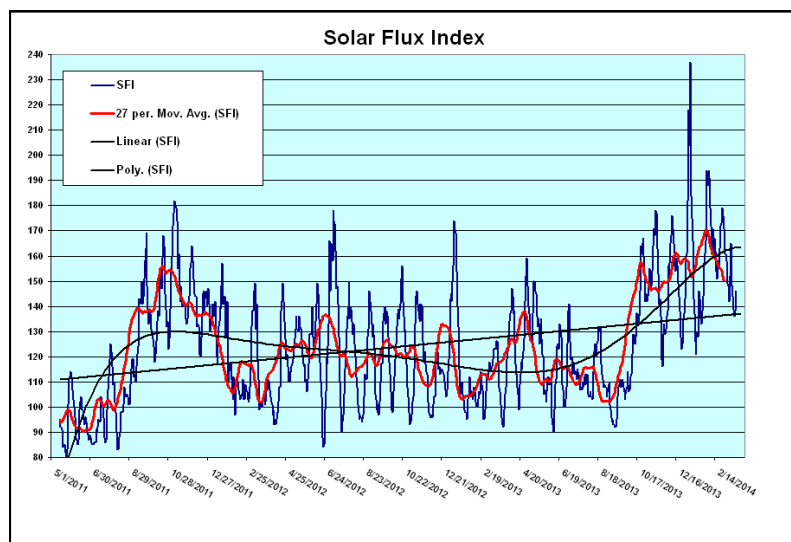
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P	Phone
C	CW
R	RTTY
5	5 Band

The first DXCC column is the confirmed entity count with deleted countries. The second column is the confirmed current entity count. Those in **tan** are at the top of the current honor roll.

If you have any information to post please go to the on-line webform and update your standing:

<http://www.scdxc.org/dx-update.html>

This should prove to be an interesting period. It looks like this cycle will be going out with a bang!



WAZ STANDINGS

	10B / 5B	Awards
K6ND	378 / 200	M/5
W6SR	369 / 200	M/P/C//5
K6FG	363 / 197	M/P/C/R/5
EU7A	360 / 200	M/5
WA5VGI	357 / 200	M/P/C/5
W8DX	357 / 200	M/5
N6AW	355 / 200	M/P/C/5
K6YUI	349 / 192	M/P/C/R/5
K6YRA	290 / 200	P/5
W6BCQ	277 / 200	M/P/5
WD6L	248 / 200	M/P/5
N6OU	220 / 200	M/5
K6UNR	/ 200	M/P/5
W6VX	352 / 199	
NS6C	198 / 198	
K6GXD	358 / 198	M
SM5GMZ	345 / 196	M/P/C
W6ENZ	315 / 195	
AI6Z	315 / 193	
N6MXU	155 / 193	
K2PLF	191 / 191	
N6RV	308 / 188	M/P/C
KC6X	294 / 187	M/P/C/5
N6QQ	325 / 186	M/P/C/R
K6LD	314 / 186	M/P/C
W6YOO	308 / 185	M/P/C/5
KH6DX/m	210 / 184	
K0OK	286 / 173	
K6SY	246 / 173	P
W6ZPL	237 / 173	M/P
KJ6Y	261 / 172	
KR6C	295 / 171	M/C
N6DHz	234 / 161	P
AD6KQ	226 / 164	
K6KII	191 / 177	M
KH6MB	181 / 174	
SM5GMZ	265 / 166	M/5
W6DR	227 / 159	
NK6A	152 / 152	M/5
WA6BOB	152 / 136	M
W6IRD	151 / 111	M/P
W5DQ	161 / 122	
KT6LA	155 / 125	
K6IRD	154 / 126	M/P
WB6PSY	139 / 140	P
N6HE	130 / 138	
W3SE	102 / 112	
K6IRA	118 / 102	
K6VC	96 / 96	P
W6EA	92 / 86	
K7LA	111 / 84	
N6UC	78 / 78	M
KA6TTV	82 / 67	
N6VNI	86 / 64	
N6RRY	85 / 65	
N6GIL	49 / 43	
W6DCK	40 / 40	P
K6JW	40 / 40	M/P
K6YR	39 / 39	
W6DOE	36 / 36	
NZ6L	36 / 36	
W4EF	29 /	
N6AWD		M
N6HC		M/P/C
KB6KTV		P
W6OES		M
K8RD		C

DXCC STANDINGS

K6KII	387 / 340
JA1BK	377 / 338
K6YRA	376 / 340
K6EXO	370 / 338
N6UC	367 / 340
W6BCQ	365 / 340
K6YUI	365 / 340
K6IPV	362 / 340
NS6C	360 / 340
W6HT	358 / 338
W6SR	358 / 340
WA6WZO	357 / 340
K8RD	356 / 340
K5KT	355 / 340
N6AW	355 / 337
K6FG	355 / 340
K6GXD	355 / 340
N6RV	355 / 339
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W6OES	351 / 334
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N6AWD	348 / 338
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W6ENZ	347 / 338
AI6Z	347 / 335
N6HC	345 / 337
K6LD	344 / 338
KR6C	343 / 338
W6DCK	342 / 336
K6UNR	341 / 337
KB6KTV	340 / 335
N6MG	339 / 331
SM5GMZ	339 / 330
N6OU	338 / 330
N6HY	333 / 329
K2IXQ	333 / 329
AD6KQ	328 / 328
KM6HB	332 / 327
KJ6Y	327 / 323
W6FL	318 / 305
W6ZPL	317 / 317
K6SY	312 / 310
K0OK	310 / 308
K6JW	309 / 304
W6HB	303 / 295
N6MXU	301 / 297
N6GP	299 / 294
WD6L	295 / 295
NK6A	295 / 270
N6DHz	292 / 288
K6IRA	286 / 286
W6DR	282 / 278
WA6WXD	275 / 272
K6DJ	274 / 272
K7MY	272 / 270
N7CQQ	268 / 266
K6VC	267 / 264
KT6LA	264 / 262
K6IRD	260 / 250
N6WIN	258 / 253
K6YR	244 / 244
W3SE	240 / 237
K6HCJ	235 / 235
W5DQ	225 / 220
N6VNI	223 / 223
KN6VF	223 / 223
ZL3TE	222 / 220
W6DOE	218 / 216
W6VWV	206 / 204
K6LX	204 / 204
WA6BOB	202 / 198
N6HE	192 / 185
N6RI	189 / 180
W6EA	152 / 152
KA6TTV	149 / 149
K6DJ	149 / 149
WB6PJC	149 / 149
K6DDJ	146 / 146
K6OGO	142 / 142
K7LA	136 / 136
W4EF	132 / 132
WA6NOL	127 / 130
N6CA	131 / 131*
N6RRY	74 / 74
NZ6L	27 / 27

* Six Meters Only

Upcoming Important DXpeditions and more

Most of us are still waiting for the start of the **Aves Island YW0A** DXpedition, apparently delayed until April, number 34 on the most wanted list as well as the upcoming **VK9MT** operation from **Mellish Reef**, number 24, which runs March 28th through April 9th. **FR/T Tromelin** will be activated by a group headed by F5UFX and is scheduled for October 30 to November 10, number 9 on the most wanted list.

<http://www.clublog.org/mostwanted.php>.

Blue Information indicate particularly rare entities and **Red information** indicate SCDXC member attended DXpedition. As always you have to turn on your radio to work them.

Useful DX Sites

The Daily DX
www.dailydx.com/

Announced DX Ops
www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html

DX Coffee
<http://www.dxcffee.com/eng/>

DXing.info
<http://www.dxing.info/dxpeditions/>

DX 425 News
www.425dxn.org/dxped/

Dx-info.de
www.dx-info.de

DX Italia DX News
www.marioi2mcp.it

DH9SB Weekly DX Calendar
<http://www.dx-info.de>

N0HR DXpedition Map
www.n0hr.com/wk34/

The DX Zone
www.dxzone.com/catalog/DX_Resources/

Call	QTH	Start Date	End Date	Information	
5H3MB	Tanzania	Now	April 11		QSL via IK2GZU
9G5AC	Ghana	Now	December	W7JVN & Wife WB7NLY	
9L1A	Sierra Leone	Now	May 30	E73A, HF + 6 meters	QSL via 9A2AA
9N7AA	Nepal	Now	May 23	UA3AA	QSL via UA3AA, direct only
9N7NN	Nepal	Now	Sept	W7WNN	
A22D	Botswana	April	April	ZS2DL and Group	ZS2DL direct and LoTW
A22LL	Botswana	April 5	April 30	ZS1LL	ZS1LL direct and bureau
A3	Tonga	Apr 4	Apr 18	GM3WOJ and GM4YXI as A35V and A35X	QSL via N3SL and LoTW
A3	Tonga	Aug 16	Aug 24	AC8W, K8AQM, KG8CO, KN8R, N8LJ, all bands/modes	
D2SG	Angola	Now	Dec 31	MM0SSG	QSL via GM4FDM
TX6G	Astral Isl.	Now	April 1	British Group	QSL via OQRS
JY9FC	Jordan	Now	2017	E78A, Three year assignment with the U.N.	QSL via E78A, OQRS, Bureau
VQ9XR	Diego Garcia	TBA	TBA	N7XR will be making two 3 week trips, the second operation with N6MZ. Scheduling to be announced.	QSL via NN1N
VK9M	Mellish Reef	Mar 28	April 9	Large team	M0URZ
XX	Macau	Oct 22	Nov 1	A group of EA ops	EB7DX

Birthdays!

All the best and may you enjoy many more sun-spot cycles!

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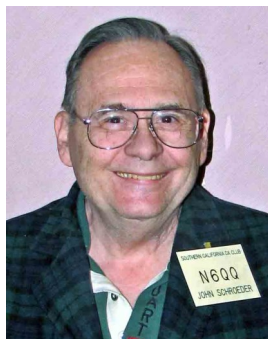
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